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**MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Operations Branch, DPD**

**SUBJECT : Operations Order**

1. In line with our conversation the other day, I should like to express my concern over what I feel is a serious deficiency not in the actual Operations Order itself but on the support planning side in the NE Division. I am referring here to the fact that, to my understanding, no plan is going forward at present to provide for the identification and training of a ground reception team for a possible  operation.

2. Perhaps it is premature to say anything that might be regarded as critical since I do not believe the NE Division has had a great deal of time in which to comment upon the Operations Order; however, without provision for a trained reception team, I feel that the entire air support operation would be wasted. It does no good to expend large sums of money to place military supplies on the ground somewhere if personnel are not present to receive and unpack these items.

3. I understand from  that he has had informal discussions with NE Division personnel regarding possible training of a reception team  but that he was unable to discover a great deal of present interest in such a program. Perhaps it would be useful to suggest that you raise this question with  Deputy Chief of NE Division, so that provision for such training could proceed as soon as possible, if he concurs.

4. I realize that it is your view that once this Operations Order is complete it could serve for any Middle Eastern country where trouble might arise. I should like to note, however, that the same question of an indigenous reception team would arise as soon as an operation was called for. I do not wish to suggest that there is any present merit in training indigenous reception teams for all countries in that area, but it is an item which should be given early consideration when trouble develops in a particular country within the area of the present Operations Order.

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